The Relative Framework
Official Lexicon

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Adaptive Lens Realignment

Definition: Shifting cognitive and semantic lenses to better capture emergent patterns.

Example: Re-reading a past event through a new concept changes what it seems to mean.

Function: Enhances epistemic accuracy and reduces bias.

Notes: Dynamic and continuous process within narrative identity.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Adaptive Reinterpretation

Definition: Conscious adjustment of narrative identity in response to new data or experience.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Maintains coherence with structural identity while allowing flexibility.

Notes: Core mechanism for learning and paradox resolution.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Adaptive Structural Calibration

Definition: Subtle modification of structural identity patterns over time.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Allows resilience and gradual evolution within deterministic bounds.

Notes: Typically unconscious; detectable through narrative reflection.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Agency Field

Definition: The experiential domain through which an individual perceives themselves as acting, choosing, or influencing outcomes.

Example: You feel like you 'picked' a response even though the impulse arrived first.

Function: Provides the subjective sense of agency by translating structurally determined impulses (S_1) into narratively meaningful interpretations (S_2).

Notes: Not evidence of metaphysical freedom; it is an emergent layer produced by S_2 interpreting structural momentum within a coherent storyline.

Used in: Illusion of Choice / Two-Tier Identity paper

Behavioral Inertia

Definition: The tendency for existing behavioral patterns to persist due to structural reinforcement and historical conditioning.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Explains why change requires sustained narrative reinterpretation and cannot occur merely through intention.

Notes: High behavioral inertia indicates strong structural pathways; reduced through repetition, simulation, and recursive awareness.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Cognitive Boundary

Definition: Limits within which structural and narrative identity operate.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Protects coherence and prevents cognitive overload.

Notes: Interacts with epistemic frames and structural blind spots.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Cognitive Compression

Definition: Simplification or abstraction of complex experience and data

Example: After many similar experiences, you carry a shorthand rule rather than every detail.

Function: Reduces cognitive load but introduces blind spots.

Notes: Essential to understanding epistemic limitation.

Used in: Cognitive Compression Framework papers

Cognitive Compression Framework

Definition: The staged model describing cognitive development as increasing efficiency through compression, progressing from raw intake to concise self-awareness.

Example: A child memorizes many facts (Absorber/Weaver), later forms principles (Compressor), then reflects on their own thinking (Reflector/Recursive), and eventually holds insights without needing to say them aloud (Transcendent).

Function: Provides the developmental scaffold linking knowledge acquisition to self-awareness, intuition, memory selection, and the eventual fading of external expression.

Notes: Distinct from Cognitive Compression (the process). The Framework formalizes six layers: Absorber → Weaver → Compressor → Reflector → Recursive → Transcendent.

Common misread: Just a poetic way to say people 'learn over time'.

What it means: A structural account of *how* learning reorganizes itself through representational economy, with identifiable stages and transition cues.

Used in: Cognitive Compression Framework (Vol.1), Intuition Within the Cognitive Compression Framework, Memory, Perspective, and the End of Self.

Cognitive Convergence

Definition: Alignment of predicted and actual mental patterns.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Indicates successful learning and epistemic accuracy.

Notes: Desired state for reflective cognition and adaptation.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Cognitive Divergence

Definition: Difference between predicted and actual mental responses.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Identifies gaps, errors, and novel insights.

Notes: Drives awareness of structural and narrative limitations.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Cognitive Horizon

Definition: Practical limits of what can be known or observed within a cognitive system.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Defines epistemic boundaries and structural blind spots.

Notes: Shifts dynamically with reflection and learning.

Used in: Knowledge Acquisition Paradox papers (Vol.1 Papers 1–3)

Cognitive Lens

Definition: Perspective through which identity interprets experience.

Example: Re-reading a past event through a new concept changes what it seems to mean.

Function: Determines what is observable and intelligible.

Notes: Partially constructed, partially constrained by structural identity.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Cognitive Protocol

Definition: Structured sequence of mental operations guiding thought, habit, and action.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Explains operational mechanics of perception and behavior.

Notes: Interacts with structural and narrative layers of identity.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Cognitive Symmetry

Definition: Balance between structural and narrative identity influences.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Ensures coherence in perception and action.

Notes: Imbalance can cause drift or epistemic errors.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Conceptual Time

Definition: Time experienced subjectively as an elastic variable shaped by cognitive load and emotional state.

Example: Feeling an hour drag during grief but fly during flow reflects this term.

Function: Explains fluctuations in perceived duration.

Notes: Fragmentation increases as knowledge volume grows.

Common misread: Not clock time

What it means: Elastic, felt time shaped by cognition and emotion.

Used in: Exploring Time Dimensions / Temporal Entanglement papers

Conscious Self (S_2)

Definition: The narrative, reflective layer of selfhood responsible for interpretation, meaning-making, and autobiographical continuity.

Example: You tell a stable story about 'who you are' even as your reactions shift with context.

Function: Translates impulses from S_1 into coherent narratives and generates the sensation of agency and intentionality.

Notes: S_2 does not originate behavior; it frames, interprets, and sometimes redirects structural flows.

Common misread: Not the origin of impulses

What it means: The narrative layer that interprets and steers structural outputs.

Used in: Illusion of Choice / Two-Tier Identity paper

Continuous–Discrete Compression Error

Definition: The distortion created when continuous phenomena (such as time, emotion, or consciousness) are compressed into discrete measurements.

Example: After many similar experiences, you carry a shorthand rule rather than every detail.

Function: Accounts for mismatches between lived experience and the tools used to measure reality, such as clocks or linguistic categories.

Notes: Central to understanding why time “feels” different from how it is measured.

Used in: Cognitive Compression Framework papers

Control Environment

Definition: A stabilized cognitive or behavioral context constructed to minimize unpredictability and optimize structural functioning.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Allows the mind to maintain coherence, reduce error, and achieve predictable outcomes under deterministic conditions.

Notes: Failure or disruption of the control environment increases narrative distortion and cognitive drift.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Cultural Reinforcement Loop

Definition: The cyclical process through which shared norms, values, and narratives reinforce individual behavior and group identity.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Stabilizes collective meaning and moral expectations, generating predictable social structures.

Notes: A primary driver of Narrative Absolutism, where social coherence is mistaken for universal moral truth.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Dimensional Constraint

Definition: The external limits imposed on knowledge acquisition by the physical dimensions an observer inhabits.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Distinguishes external reality limits from internal "Cognitive Boundaries."

Notes: While a Cognitive Boundary is a mental limit, a Dimensional Constraint is a reality limit

Used in: Knowledge Acquisition Paradox papers (Vol.1 Papers 1–3)

Dimensional Time

Definition: Time perceived as a linear, measurable progression through events.

Example: Feeling an hour drag during grief but fly during flow reflects this term.

Function: Provides the standard scaffolding for causal logic and narrative sequence.

Notes: Leads to a linear increase in recognized unknowns.

Common misread: Not the only kind of time

What it means: Linear, measurable progression through events.

Used in: Exploring Time Dimensions / Temporal Entanglement papers

Emergent Relational Node

Definition: Intersection where multiple identity patterns generate novel cognition or insight.

Example: A word becomes meaningful only when a mind interprets it in context.

Function: Explains creative or unexpected outcomes.

Notes: Fully emergent; cannot be reduced to prior structures.

Used in: Entanglement Model of Emergent Experience paper

Emotional Protocol

Definition: The structural pattern through which emotions encode value, priority, and behavioral direction within the system.

Example: A sudden surge of anger before you've 'decided' to be angry shows the protocol at work.

Function: Determines which experiences become salient, which actions are favored, and how narratives evolve.

Notes: Emotional Protocols sit deeper than Emotional Salience; they form the underlying architecture, not just the filtering mechanism.

Used in: Emotional Protocols and Reactive Structures paper

Emotional Protocol Spectrum

Definition: Range of structured emotional responses coded by the mind.

Example: A sudden surge of anger before you've 'decided' to be angry shows the protocol at work.

Function: Explains nuanced affective patterns and regulatory mechanisms.

Notes: Predictable yet adaptive within structural identity.

Used in: Emotional Protocols and Reactive Structures paper

Emotional Salience

Definition: The filtering mechanism that prioritizes memory by emotional impact.

Example: A sudden surge of anger before you've 'decided' to be angry shows the protocol at work.

Function: Biases the Structural Identity toward narrative coherence over objective accuracy.

Notes: Major source of self-narrative distortion.

Used in: Emotional Protocols and Reactive Structures paper

Entanglement Model of Emergent Experience

Definition: A relational ontology claiming that many properties and experiences (consciousness, time, identity, meaning, wetness) are not intrinsic to systems but emerge only through interaction between systems.

Example: Water isn't 'wet' by itself; wetness shows up only when water meets a surface. Likewise, meaning shows up only when symbols meet a mind.

Function: Grounds the framework's view of reality as conditional and context-bound, enabling paradox dissolution by removing assumptions of intrinsic essence.

Notes: Relational Entanglement is the principle; this Model is its application across domains.

Common misread: Merely an analogy about wetness stretched too far.

What it means: A general structural claim about emergence: the analogy is a teaching handle, not the argument's limit.

Used in: The Entanglement Model of Emergent Experience (Vol.1).

Entropic Collapse (Structural Death)

Definition: The cessation of recursive feedback and predictive modelling within a conscious system.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Defines death structurally as the termination of narrative compression.

Notes: Represents the unravelling of cognitive order.

Common misread: Not a theory of afterlife

What it means: Death is the structural end of recursion and narrative self.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Epistemic Compression

Definition: Reducing complex knowledge into simplified, usable formats.

Example: After many similar experiences, you carry a shorthand rule rather than every detail.

Function: Balances cognitive efficiency with potential distortion.

Notes: Underpins both insight and error in reasoning.

Used in: Knowledge Acquisition Paradox papers (Vol.1 Papers 1–3); Cognitive Compression Framework papers

Epistemic Feedback Loop

Definition: Recursive process where knowledge acquisition modifies the lens of perception.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Supports learning and cognitive adaptation.

Notes: Limited by structural blind spots and cognitive compression.

Used in: Knowledge Acquisition Paradox papers (Vol.1 Papers 1–3)

Epistemic Frame

Definition: Contextual boundaries for structuring and validating knowledge.

Example: Re-reading a past event through a new concept changes what it seems to mean.

Function: Sets limits on perception and reasoning.

Notes: Shifts dynamically with narrative reinterpretation.

Used in: Knowledge Acquisition Paradox papers (Vol.1 Papers 1–3)

Epistemic Limitation

Definition: Constraints on knowledge acquisition due to cognitive, structural, and recursive boundaries.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Explains why total self-knowledge or certainty is impossible.

Notes: Central to paradoxes such as the Knowledge Acquisition Paradox.

Used in: Knowledge Acquisition Paradox papers (Vol.1 Papers 1–3)

Experiential Agency

Definition: Subjective experience of choice and intentional action.

Example: You feel like you 'picked' a response even though the impulse arrived first.

Function: Allows narrative identity to operate independently within deterministic constraints.

Notes: Central to moral responsibility and perceived freedom.

Used in: Illusion of Choice / Two-Tier Identity paper

Experiential Calibration

Definition: Adjusting narrative identity’s perception of agency and consequence.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Enhances decision-making and self-coherence.

Notes: Works in tandem with structural calibration.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Experiential Time

Definition: The subjective, non-linear experience of time as it is felt, processed, and interpreted by the observer.

Example: Feeling an hour drag during grief but fly during flow reflects this term.

Function: Influences memory density, meaning assignment, and the pacing of narrative transitions.

Notes: Often diverges dramatically from Dimensional Time due to emotional intensity and cognitive load.

Used in: Exploring Time Dimensions / Temporal Entanglement papers

Functional Accountability

Definition: The redefinition of responsibility not as metaphysical authorship, but as a systemic necessity for social coherence and behavioral correction.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Replaces the concept of “blame” with “consequence,” aligning ethics with a deterministic reality.

Notes: Central to the framework’s ethical model; distinguishes moral utility from moral truth.

Common misread: Not blame as metaphysical authorship

What it means: Accountability is a social tool for correction and coherence.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Fundamental Time

Definition: Time as a structural variable independent of human perception.

Example: Feeling an hour drag during grief but fly during flow reflects this term.

Function: Represents temporal unpredictability at cosmological or quantum scales.

Notes: Uncertainty increases with deeper cosmological understanding.

Common misread: Not subjective time

What it means: Time as a structural variable independent of perception.

Used in: Exploring Time Dimensions / Temporal Entanglement papers

Identity Anchor

Definition: A stable point or theme within the narrative self that provides psychological grounding and continuity.

Example: You tell a stable story about 'who you are' even as your reactions shift with context.

Function: Prevents fragmentation by maintaining coherence across changing experiences.

Notes: Can become rigid, leading to Structural Saturation and resistance to reinterpretation.

Used in: Illusion of Choice / Two-Tier Identity paper

Identity Drift

Definition: The gradual, often subtle evolution of one’s narrative identity over time due to new experiences and reinterpretations.

Example: You tell a stable story about 'who you are' even as your reactions shift with context.

Function: Enables adaptation and re-alignment between the narrative self and the structural self.

Notes: Accelerates during periods of emotional disruption or cognitive reorganization.

Used in: Illusion of Choice / Two-Tier Identity paper

Illusion of Choice

Definition: The subjective appearance of freedom created by narrative identity interpreting structurally determined behavior as volitional action.

Example: You feel like you 'picked' a response even though the impulse arrived first.

Function: Allows the human mind to experience agency while operating within deterministic parameters.

Notes: The illusion is functional, not deceptive; it enables coherent decision-making.

Common misread: Not a claim that choices are fake

What it means: Choices are felt as real because narrative identity interprets structural momentum.

Used in: Illusion of Choice / Two-Tier Identity paper

Internal Observability Limit

Definition: The inherent inability of a system to completely perceive or model itself from within that system.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Establishes the epistemic ceiling that makes total self-knowledge or perfect introspection impossible.

Notes: A core mechanism behind the Knowledge Acquisition Paradox.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Knowledge Acquisition Paradox

Definition: Tension between the desire for complete understanding and the impossibility of fully observing one’s own cognitive processes.

Example: Learning more in a field reveals deeper questions rather than ending uncertainty.

Function: Grounds the framework’s epistemological principles.

Notes: Demonstrates the necessity of new conceptual language.

Common misread: Not 'knowledge is pointless'

What it means: Knowing more necessarily expands awareness of the unknown.

Used in: Knowledge Acquisition Paradox papers (Vol.1 Papers 1–3)

Meaning Negotiation

Definition: The relational process through which meaning is constructed, revised, or reinforced between individuals or within oneself.

Example: A word becomes meaningful only when a mind interprets it in context.

Function: Allows flexible reinterpretation of events, beliefs, and identity without appealing to fixed metaphysical categories.

Notes: Highly sensitive to Emotional Protocols and social reinforcement.

Common misread: Not relativism for its own sake

What it means: Meaning is continually constructed through relational interpretation.

Used in: Entanglement Model of Emergent Experience paper

Measurement–Reality Gap

Definition: The unavoidable discrepancy between real phenomena and the symbolic or mechanical tools used to represent them.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Highlights the limits of external measurement systems in capturing internal experience.

Notes: Reveals why metrics cannot resolve existential questions or subjective states.

Used in: Exploring Time Dimensions / Temporal Entanglement papers

Meta-Agency

Definition: The ability of S_2 to reinterpret, reframe, or strategically influence its response to S_1 impulses, even though it cannot originate behavior independently.

Example: You feel like you 'picked' a response even though the impulse arrived first.

Function: Enables structural change by adjusting narrative context rather than altering deterministic foundations.

Notes: Produces functional freedom without violating determinism.

Used in: Illusion of Choice / Two-Tier Identity paper

Metric Distortion

Definition: The illusion created when continuous phenomena (like time or consciousness) are measured by discrete tools (like clocks or language).

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Explains why measured time feels different from experienced time.

Notes: Highlights that measurement is a compression of reality, not a reflection of it.

Used in: Exploring Time Dimensions / Temporal Entanglement papers

Moral Narrative

Definition: The culturally encoded story about right, wrong, duty, and value that shapes group behavior.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Creates shared expectations and stabilizes collective identity.

Notes: Not an objective truth claim; a functional construct shaped by Emotional Protocols.

Used in: Emotional Protocols and Reactive Structures paper

Narrative Absolutism

Definition: Mistaking emotional and cultural reinforcement for objective truth.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Stabilizes group identity while restricting structural evolution.

Notes: Manifests as rigid moral dogma.

Common misread: Not just having strong beliefs

What it means: It's mistaking reinforced narratives for universal truth.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Narrative Anchoring

Definition: Stabilization of identity through consistent story elements.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Maintains coherence amidst structural and perceptual variability.

Notes: Balances drift and adaptation.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Narrative Coherence Pressure

Definition: The internal force pushing the narrative self toward a consistent storyline, even if that storyline is inaccurate.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Prevents psychological fragmentation by maintaining a stable sense of self.

Notes: Can resist structural truth when coherence becomes more important than accuracy.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Narrative Drift

Definition: Gradual alteration of personal story by ongoing reflection and reinterpretation.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Adjusts perception of past, present, and agency.

Notes: Essential for adaptation and learning.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Narrative Identity

Definition: The conscious, reflective self that constructs a coherent story of experience.

Example: You tell a stable story about 'who you are' even as your reactions shift with context.

Function: Integrates episodic memory and perception to create continuity.

Notes: Recursive and capable of reinterpreting structural identity.

Used in: Illusion of Choice / Two-Tier Identity paper

Narrative Resonance

Definition: Amplification of story elements due to structural significance or emotional weight.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Reinforces identity coherence and memory integration.

Notes: Influences perception of agency and meaning.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Narrative–Affective Bias

Definition: The distortion created when emotional states influence the way narratives are interpreted, stored, or recalled.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Ensures emotional coherence at the expense of factual accuracy.

Notes: A major factor in memory reconstruction and interpersonal conflict.

Used in: Emotional Protocols and Reactive Structures paper

Observer Limitations

Definition: The inherent constraints placed on any observer's ability to fully perceive, analyze, or model the system they are embedded within.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Explains why complete self-knowledge and complete system-knowledge are structurally impossible.

Notes: Central to epistemic limitation and foundational to multiple paradox resolutions.

Used in: Knowledge Acquisition Paradox papers (Vol.1 Papers 1–3)

Observer Recursion

Definition: Consciousness attempting to observe and analyses itself.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Enables reflection and paradox awareness.

Notes: Leads to infinite regress; managed by two-tier identity structure.

Used in: Knowledge Acquisition Paradox papers (Vol.1 Papers 1–3)

Paradox Dissolution

Definition: Resolving classical philosophical paradoxes by reframing relationally and cognitively.

Example: Learning more in a field reveals deeper questions rather than ending uncertainty.

Function: Demonstrates explanatory power of the framework.

Notes: E.g., free will vs determinism resolved without rejection.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Paradox Interface

Definition: Conceptual point at which conflicting ideas or perceptions intersect.

Example: Learning more in a field reveals deeper questions rather than ending uncertainty.

Function: Facilitates paradox dissolution and insight generation.

Notes: Navigating this interface is a core cognitive skill.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Predictive Self-Modelling

Definition: The system's ability to model its own likely future behaviors based on structural history and current patterns.

Example: You tell a stable story about 'who you are' even as your reactions shift with context.

Function: Allows the system to engage in Strategic Simulation and prepare for anticipated states.

Notes: The foundation of intuition, planning, and self-regulation.

Used in: Illusion of Choice / Two-Tier Identity paper

Recursive Agency Node

Definition: Point at which narrative identity can intervene in structural identity's outputs.

Example: You feel like you 'picked' a response even though the impulse arrived first.

Function: Allows apparent freedom and decision-making.

Notes: Central to perceived agency under determinism.

Used in: Illusion of Choice / Two-Tier Identity paper

Recursive Cognition Gap

Definition: Difference between observed and actual internal processes.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Highlights limitations of self-observation.

Notes: Directly tied to the Knowledge Acquisition Paradox.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Recursive Reflection

Definition: Repeated, self-referential analysis conducted by narrative identity.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Drives learning, adaptation, and paradox awareness.

Notes: Cannot achieve total objectivity; constrained by cognitive and structural parameters.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Relational Calibration

Definition: Adjustment of understanding based on environmental or social context.

Example: A word becomes meaningful only when a mind interprets it in context.

Function: Ensures coherence of cognition in relational networks.

Notes: Supports emergent reasoning and adaptive interpretation.

Used in: Entanglement Model of Emergent Experience paper

Relational Emergence

Definition: Principle that complex phenomena arise from interactions between lower-level structures.

Example: A word becomes meaningful only when a mind interprets it in context.

Function: Explains consciousness, identity, and cognition as emergent properties.

Notes: Counters reductionist interpretations of mind and behavior.

Used in: Entanglement Model of Emergent Experience paper

Relational Entanglement

Definition: The principle that certain properties emerge only through the interaction of systems.

Example: A word becomes meaningful only when a mind interprets it in context.

Function: Reframes existence as relational rather than intrinsic.

Notes: Exemplified by emergent properties such as wetness.

Common misread: Not quantum entanglement literally

What it means: A metaphor for properties emerging only through interaction.

Used in: Entanglement Model of Emergent Experience paper

Relational Lens

Definition: Perspective emphasizing interactions and context over fixed absolutes.

Example: Re-reading a past event through a new concept changes what it seems to mean.

Function: Frames understanding of identity, cognition, and meaning.

Notes: Supports paradox dissolution and emergent reasoning.

Used in: Entanglement Model of Emergent Experience paper

Relative Determinism

Definition: Determinism accounting for structural constraints while preserving perceived agency.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Reconciles determinism with subjective experience of choice.

Notes: Avoids fatalism; emphasizes relational flexibility.

Common misread: Not fatalism or 'nothing matters'

What it means: Determinism plus relational flexibility explains lived agency.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Relative Perception

Definition: Observed reality as filtered through structural identity and cognitive lens.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Determines subjective truth.

Notes: Variability is inherent and systemic.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Semantic Architecture

Definition: Overall structure of the lexicon and conceptual scaffolding in the framework.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Organizes terms, relationships, and explanatory mechanisms.

Notes: The lexicon itself is a meta-level contribution.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Semantic Lens

Definition: Vocabulary and conceptual scaffolding used to articulate and navigate the framework.

Example: Re-reading a past event through a new concept changes what it seems to mean.

Function: Allows precise expression of previously inexpressible distinctions.

Notes: Central to theoretical innovation.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Strategic Simulation

Definition: The conscious practice of "pretending" or enacting a desired trait before it becomes structurally natural.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Serves as the primary mechanism for changing the Structural Identity (Simulating → Practicing → Patterning).

Notes: The practical tool for exercising Recursive Agency; "Pretending becomes practice, practice becomes pattern."

Used in: Illusion of Choice / Two-Tier Identity paper

Structural Blind Spot

Definition: Areas of cognition inherently inaccessible due to structural or recursive constraints.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Explains epistemic gaps and cognitive biases.

Notes: Linked to epistemic limitation and cognitive compression.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Structural Constraint Field

Definition: Aggregate of factors limiting structural identity's potential behaviors.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Defines operational boundaries for experience and cognition.

Notes: Interacts dynamically with narrative identity.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Structural Determinism

Definition: The principle that an individual's subconscious configuration, formed by history, biology, and environment, governs all pre-reflective patterns of behavior and perception.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Provides the deterministic foundation upon which narrative identity operates.

Notes: Does not eliminate experiential agency; it contextualizes it.

Common misread: Not denial of experience

What it means: Behavior is caused, while agency is the system's feeling of that causation.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Structural Echo

Definition: Recurring patterns of behavior or thought reflecting past cognitive events.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Connects experience to structural identity formation.

Notes: Often unconscious; can appear as habitual behavior.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Structural Echo Chamber

Definition: Feedback reinforcement within structural identity leading to repeated patterns.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Explains habitual behavior and resistance to change.

Notes: Can be mitigated through adaptive reinterpretation.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Structural Identity

Definition: Subconscious configuration of an individual shaped by deterministic, historical, and environmental forces.

Example: You tell a stable story about 'who you are' even as your reactions shift with context.

Function: Determines habitual patterns, biases, and pre-reflective behavior.

Notes: Cannot directly observe itself; foundational to narrative identity.

Used in: Illusion of Choice / Two-Tier Identity paper

Structural Intuition

Definition: Non-linear insight arising from compressed micro-pattern activation.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Produces deterministic yet seemingly spontaneous leaps in understanding.

Notes: Emergent resonance rather than mysticism.

Used in: Cognitive Compression Framework papers

Structural Narrative Interface

Definition: Point of interaction between structural identity and narrative identity.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Mediates experience, interpretation, and decision-making.

Notes: Central to self-regulation and adaptive reflection.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Structural Narrative Mapping

Definition: Systematic tracing of interactions between structural tendencies and narrative interpretations.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Provides clarity and predictability in self-observation.

Notes: Useful for teaching or analyzing the framework.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Structural Recursion

Definition: Iterative reinforcement of structural patterns across experiences.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Solidifies identity traits and behavioral tendencies.

Notes: Often unconscious; detectable through narrative reflection.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Structural Saturation

Definition: The state in which structural patterns become so established that they resist new interpretations or inputs.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Acts as a cognitive bottleneck, limiting growth and adaptability.

Notes: Often the result of trauma, rigid cultural conditioning, or excessive narrative coherence pressure.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Subconscious Self (S_1)

Definition: The structural, pre-reflective layer of identity that generates impulses, patterns, and behavioral tendencies.

Example: You tell a stable story about 'who you are' even as your reactions shift with context.

Function: Provides the baseline machinery of cognition and behavior.

Notes: Not accessible through introspection; only inferable through patterns observed by S_2.

Common misread: Not a hidden 'true self'

What it means: The structurally conditioned layer generating impulses and biases.

Used in: Illusion of Choice / Two-Tier Identity paper

System Resonance

Definition: The structural alignment of compressed cognitive patterns leading to sudden, non-linear insight.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Produces moments of Structural Intuition that seem spontaneous but are deeply deterministic.

Notes: Forms the basis of systemic wisdom and advanced cognitive pattern recognition.

Used in: Cognitive Compression Framework papers

Systemic Wisdom

Definition: The longitudinal reliability of structural intuition across contexts.

Example: In daily life, this shows up whenever your mind simplifies experience to stay coherent.

Function: Differentiates stable adaptive cognition from transient intelligence.

Notes: Wisdom is framed as structural stability, not accumulation.

Used in: Across the framework (multiple papers)

Temporal Entanglement

Definition: The specific case where time-as-experienced emerges and distorts through the entanglement of consciousness with measurement systems (e.g., clocks).

Example: In a featureless room, a ticking clock can make minutes feel long or urgent, while without it time becomes vague and fluid.

Function: Domain-specific instantiation of Metric Distortion within temporal consciousness.

Notes: Explains why speed and duration are psychologically constructed rather than revealed by metrics.

Common misread: A fancy term for ‘time feels different sometimes’.

What it means: A structural claim that measurement itself is a compression lens that reorganizes temporal awareness.

Used in: Temporal Entanglement: The Clock as a Distorting Lens of Consciousness.

The Absorber

Definition: The initial, raw intake phase of cognition characterized by passive reception of sensory input without structure.

Example: Early learning where you take in lots of impressions without organizing them yet.

Function: Accumulates vast amounts of unorganized data prior to interpretation.

Notes: Marked by high data intake but low internal order.

Used in: Cognitive Compression Framework papers

The Compressor

Definition: The stage of abstraction where the mind reduces redundancy by distilling large information sets into simplified principles.

Example: Turning many experiences into a simple rule like 'that stove is hot' without recalling each burn.

Function: Increases mental efficiency by making knowledge compact and transportable.

Notes: Marks the shift from specific details to generalized mental models.

Used in: Cognitive Compression Framework papers

The Recursive

Definition: A high-level metacognitive state where thought models its own modelling processes in iterative loops.

Example: Not just reflecting, but reflecting on how you reflect, then adjusting that process.

Function: Enables systemic awareness of how the self constructs reality, allowing iterative refinement.

Notes: The mind evaluates the architecture of its own cognition.

Used in: Cognitive Compression Framework papers

The Reflector

Definition: The stage where cognition turns inward to examine its own structure, biases, and assumptions.

Example: Catching yourself thinking 'why do I always react this way?' and examining the pattern.

Function: Initiates philosophical cognition and self-skepticism.

Notes: Distinct from the Recursive stage; focuses on content rather than system architecture.

Used in: Cognitive Compression Framework papers

The Relative Framework

Definition: A unified cognitive–epistemic system describing how identity, perception, determinism, knowledge, and meaning emerge through relational structures and observer limitations.

Example: Re-reading a past event through a new concept changes what it seems to mean.

Function: Provides a lens capable of dissolving classical paradoxes, explaining identity formation, and modelling cognition without metaphysics.

Notes: Built from structural determinism, narrative recursion, epistemic limitation, and emergent relational analysis.

Used in: Cognitive Compression Framework papers

The Transcendent

Definition: A state of refined internal coherence where understanding is so compressed that expression becomes largely redundant.

Example: Having an insight so internally settled you no longer feel the need to explain it to anyone.

Function: Represents maximal cognitive efficiency through internal resolution.

Notes: Epistemic rather than mystical; expression fades due to sufficiency of internalization.

Common misread: Not mystical enlightenment

What it means: A cognitive state where internal coherence makes external expression redundant.

Used in: Cognitive Compression Framework papers

The Weaver

Definition: The developmental stage where the mind begins to sort disparate experiences, form associations, and assign meaning.

Example: Noticing links between events, like associating a tone of voice with safety or danger.

Function: Transitions the mind from passive observation to active pattern-seeking and narrative creation.

Notes: Characterized by the emergence of cause–effect reasoning.

Used in: Cognitive Compression Framework papers

Two-Tier Identity Model

Definition: The model of selfhood in which identity arises from the recursive interaction between Subconscious Self (S_1) and Conscious Self (S_2).

Example: An impulse rises (S_1), you narrate it as 'my choice' (S_2), then that narration reshapes future impulses through practice and reinforcement.

Function: Explains why agency is felt under determinism, and how change occurs through recursive reinterpretation rather than metaphysical freedom.

Notes: S_1 generates structural momentum; S_2 frames and can redirect through Meta-Agency and Strategic Simulation.

Common misread: A split-self metaphysics (like two souls).

What it means: A functional architecture: two layers of one system, not two beings.

Used in: Illusion of Choice: The Architecture of Self; Identity Vol.1 Paper 1 (Two-Tier Identity).

Wetness Analogy

Definition: The pedagogical metaphor showing that certain properties are not intrinsic but arise only through interaction (water + surface → wetness).

Example: Water alone isn't wet; wetness appears when it touches skin, cloth, or ground, mirroring how consciousness and meaning appear only in interaction.

Function: Serves as the intuitive bridge into the Entanglement Model.

Notes: Not a proof on its own; a grounding handle that illustrates emergence clearly.

Used in: The Entanglement Model of Emergent Experience.

Architectural Logic

This tree maps every term in the Official Lexicon into its primary semantic branch. Some terms naturally cross-link across branches; here each term is placed once, in its most structurally central location.

The Relative Framework

Meta / Method / Semantic Defense

- Lenses & semantic machinery
    - Semantic Architecture
    - Semantic Lens
    - Cognitive Lens
    - Relational Lens
    - Adaptive Lens Realignment
- Interpretive operations & paradox work
    - Adaptive Reinterpretation
    - Paradox Interface
    - Paradox Dissolution

Epistemic Layer (Knowledge / Limits)

- Knowledge Acquisition Paradox cluster
    - Knowledge Acquisition Paradox
    - Epistemic Limitation
    - Cognitive Horizon
    - Epistemic Frame
    - Epistemic Feedback Loop
    - Epistemic Compression
    - Relative Perception
- Observer / recursion limitations
    - Observer Limitations
    - Internal Observability Limit
    - Observer Recursion
    - Recursive Cognition Gap
    - Dimensional Constraint

Cognitive Engine (Compression & Cognition)

- Compression process & errors
    - Cognitive Compression
    - Continuous–Discrete Compression Error
- Cognitive Compression Framework stages
    - Cognitive Compression Framework
    - The Absorber
    - The Weaver
    - The Compressor
    - The Reflector
    - The Recursive
    - The Transcendent
- Cognitive dynamics
    - Cognitive Boundary
    - Cognitive Protocol
    - Cognitive Symmetry
    - Cognitive Convergence
    - Cognitive Divergence
- Intuition & wisdom
    - Structural Intuition
    - System Resonance
    - Systemic Wisdom

Relational Ontology / Emergence

- Relational principle & process
    - Relational Entanglement
    - Relational Emergence
    - Relational Calibration
- Emergent structures
    - Emergent Relational Node
    - Entanglement Model of Emergent Experience
    - Wetness Analogy

Temporal Branch (Time)

- Time layers
    - Fundamental Time
    - Dimensional Time
    - Experiential Time
    - Conceptual Time
- Measurement distortion
    - Metric Distortion
    - Measurement–Reality Gap
    - Temporal Entanglement

Identity / Agency / Determinism

- Determinist structure & constraints
    - Structural Determinism
    - Relative Determinism
    - Structural Constraint Field
    - Control Environment
    - Structural Blind Spot
- Self layers & identity mechanics
    - Structural Identity
    - Subconscious Self (S_1)
    - Conscious Self (S_2)
    - Two-Tier Identity Model
    - Identity Anchor
    - Identity Drift
    - Narrative Identity
    - Structural Narrative Mapping
    - Structural Narrative Interface
    - Predictive Self-Modelling
- Agency & change mechanisms
    - Agency Field
    - Experiential Agency
    - Illusion of Choice
    - Meta-Agency
    - Recursive Agency Node
    - Experiential Calibration
    - Adaptive Structural Calibration

- Recursive Reflection
- Strategic Simulation
- Behavioral Inertia
- Structural Recursion
- Structural Saturation
- Entropic Collapse (Structural Death)
- Structural Echo
- Structural Echo Chamber

Affective & Narrative Layer

- Emotion
    - Emotional Protocol
    - Emotional Protocol Spectrum
    - Emotional Salience
- Narrative dynamics
    - Narrative Anchoring
    - Narrative Coherence Pressure
    - Narrative Drift
    - Narrative Resonance
    - Narrative Absolutism
    - Narrative–Affective Bias

Morality & Meaning

- Moral/meaning structures
    - Moral Narrative
    - Functional Accountability
    - Meaning Negotiation
    - Cultural Reinforcement Loop

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